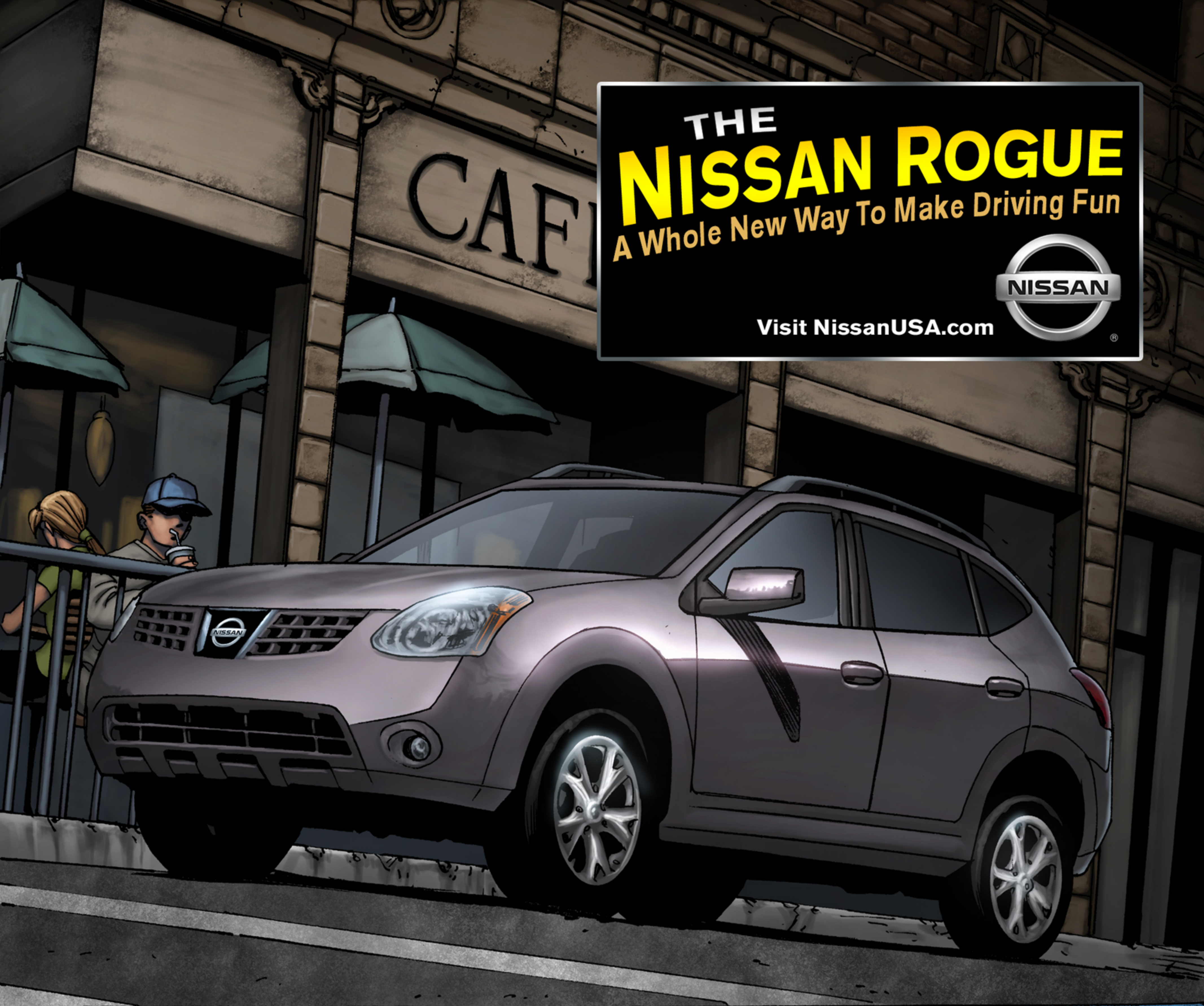


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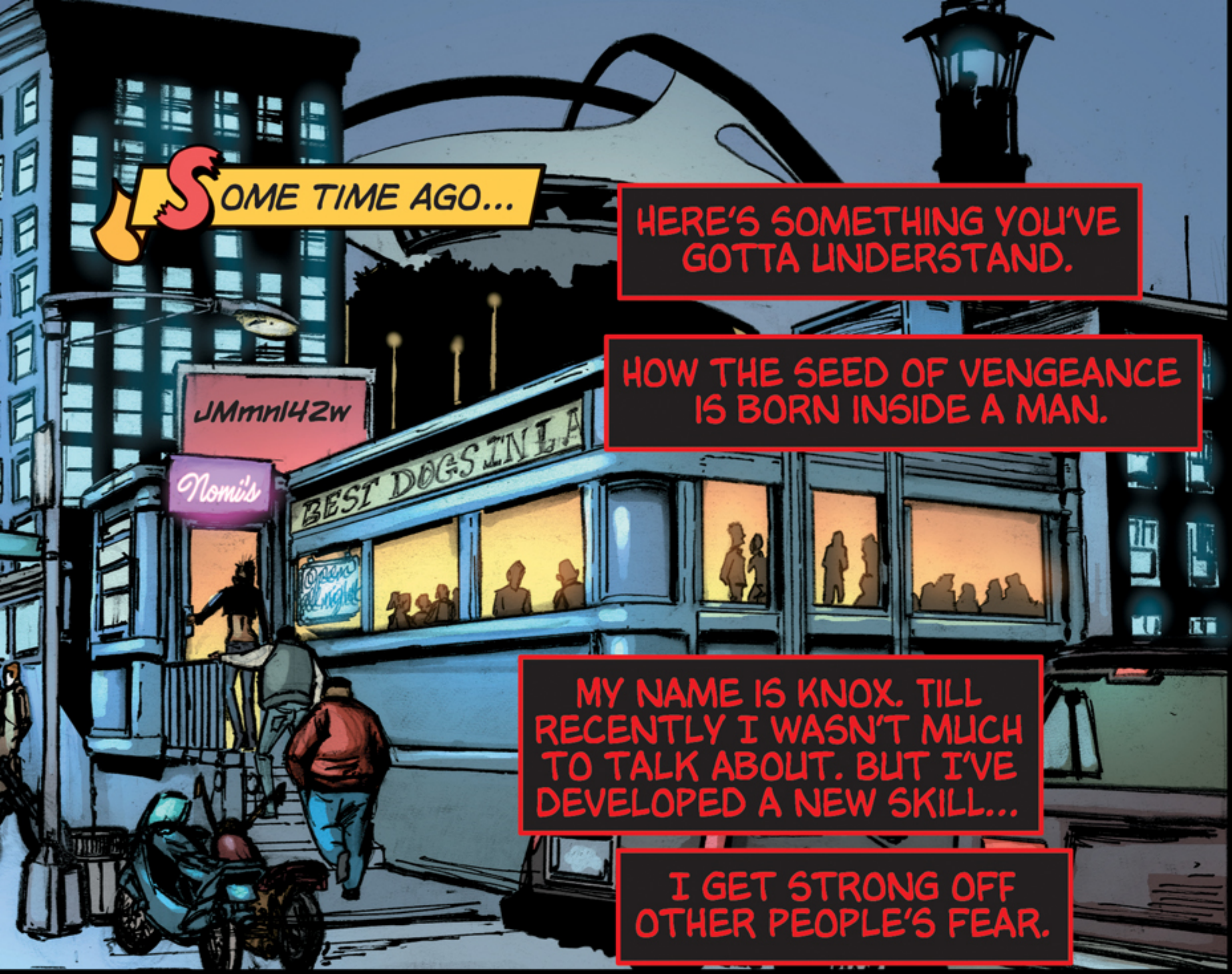


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CHAPTER 105

The STING of INJUSTICE

BENJAMIN “KNOX” WASHINGTON and JESSE MURPHY are two of the dangerous villains who escaped during the prison break from Level 5 at the Primatech Facility in New York. Both men carry a deep-seated desire to get revenge on H.R.G. for locking them up. This is the story of how these monsters first met. And where their hatred took root...



SOME TIME AGO...

HERE'S SOMETHING YOU'VE GOTTA UNDERSTAND.

HOW THE SEED OF VENGEANCE IS BORN INSIDE A MAN.

MY NAME IS KNOX. TILL RECENTLY I WASN'T MUCH TO TALK ABOUT. BUT I'VE DEVELOPED A NEW SKILL...

I GET STRONG OFF OTHER PEOPLE'S FEAR.

I DON'T KNOW WHY IT HAPPENS. ALL I KNOW IS EVERYONE GETS SCARED. AND THAT FEAR HELPED ME RISE TO THE TOP.



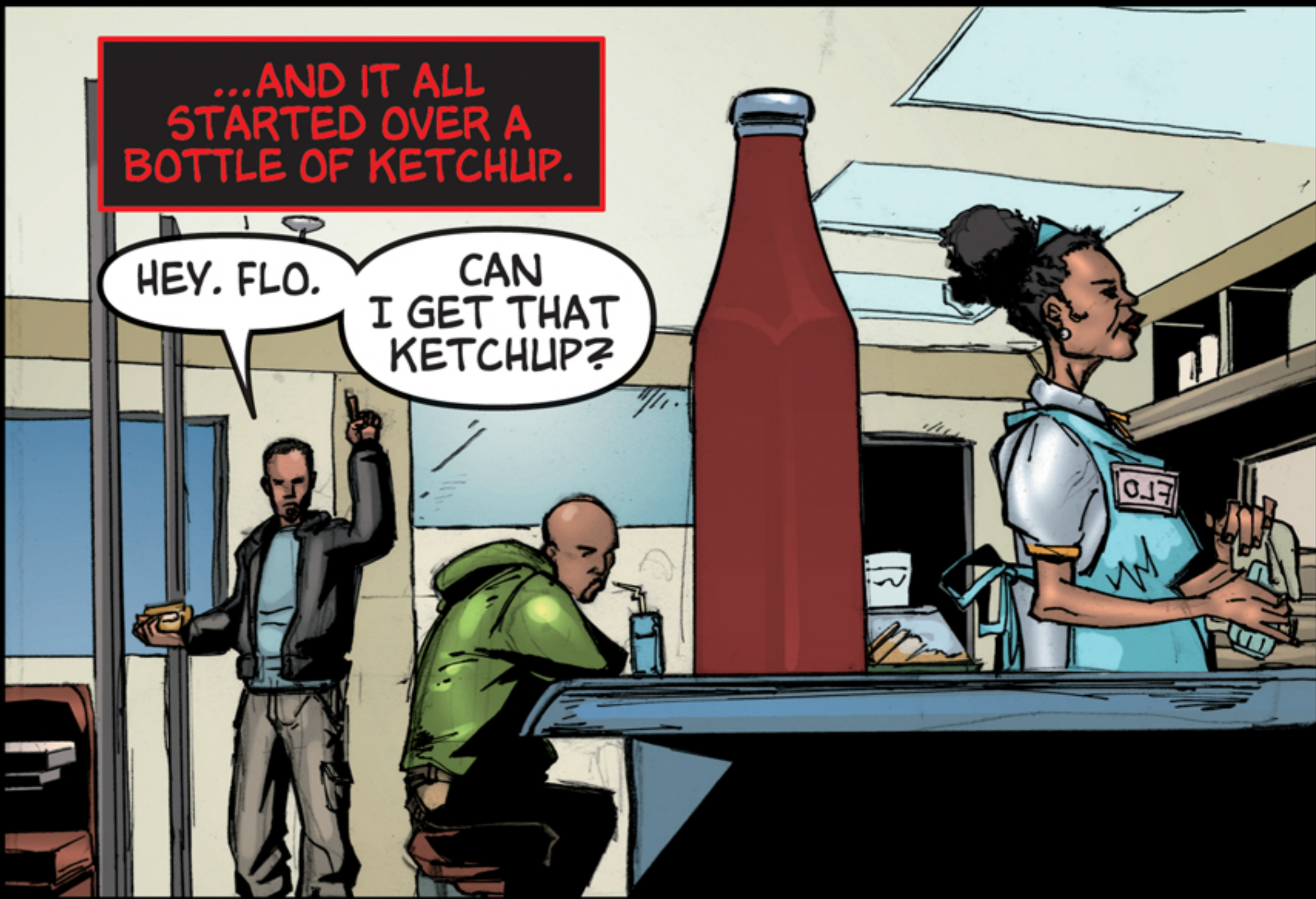
BUT THIS STORY HERE IS ABOUT HOW I WAS KICKED BACK TO THE BOTTOM. BY A MAN WEARING HORN-RIMMED GLASSES.

IT WAS THE NIGHT I MET JESSE...

...AND IT ALL STARTED OVER A BOTTLE OF KETCHUP.

HEY. FLO.

CAN I GET THAT KETCHUP?



HEY!

THE MAN ASKED FOR SOME KETCHUP.



THANKS.

NO PROBLEM.



JESSE!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING BACK IN TOWN, JESSE?



THESE OLD FRIENDS OF YOURS?

OLD ENEMIES. I DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS. YOU MIGHT WANT TO LEAVE.

THE STING OF INJUSTICE

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NAH. I CAME HERE LOOKING FOR A FIGHT.

FUNNY. SO DID I. YOU GOT A CREW?

NOT AROUND HERE. BUT I DON'T NEED ONE TO STAKE MY CLAIM.

THESE GUYS ALREADY HAVE A CLAIM ON THIS BARRIO.

NOT WORRIED ABOUT THAT. THEY MAY LOOK MEAN ON THE OUTSIDE. BUT THEY'RE SCARED ON THE INSIDE.

HOW DO YOU KNOW?

I JUST DO.



THAT'S GONNA MAKE THEM MAD.



GET OUT OF MY WAY AND COVER YOUR EARS.

WHAT FOR?



I GOTTA DO MY THING.

ALL OF YOU-



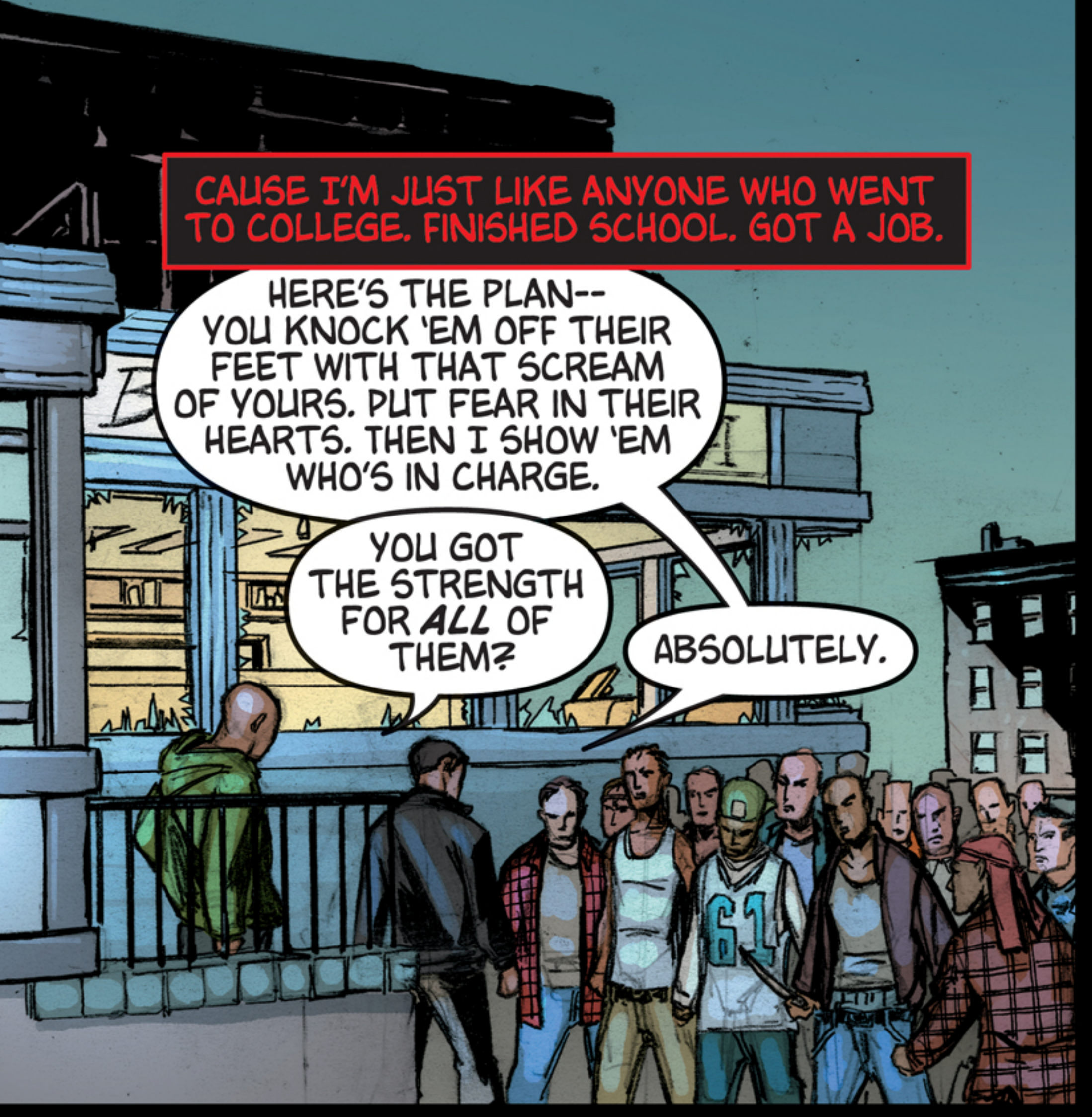
NO SHIRT
NO SHOES
NO PROBLEM

WHEN OPPORTUNITY WALKS IN THE DOOR, YOU KNOW I'M GONNA TAKE IT...



I'D ASK HOW YOU JUST DID THAT. BUT I'M GUESSING YOUR STORY IS SIMILAR TO MINE.

WE'RE GONNA MAKE A GOOD TEAM.



CAUSE I'M JUST LIKE ANYONE WHO WENT TO COLLEGE. FINISHED SCHOOL. GOT A JOB.

HERE'S THE PLAN-- YOU KNOCK 'EM OFF THEIR FEET WITH THAT SCREAM OF YOURS. PUT FEAR IN THEIR HEARTS. THEN I SHOW 'EM WHO'S IN CHARGE.

YOU GOT THE STRENGTH FOR ALL OF THEM?

ABSOLUTELY.

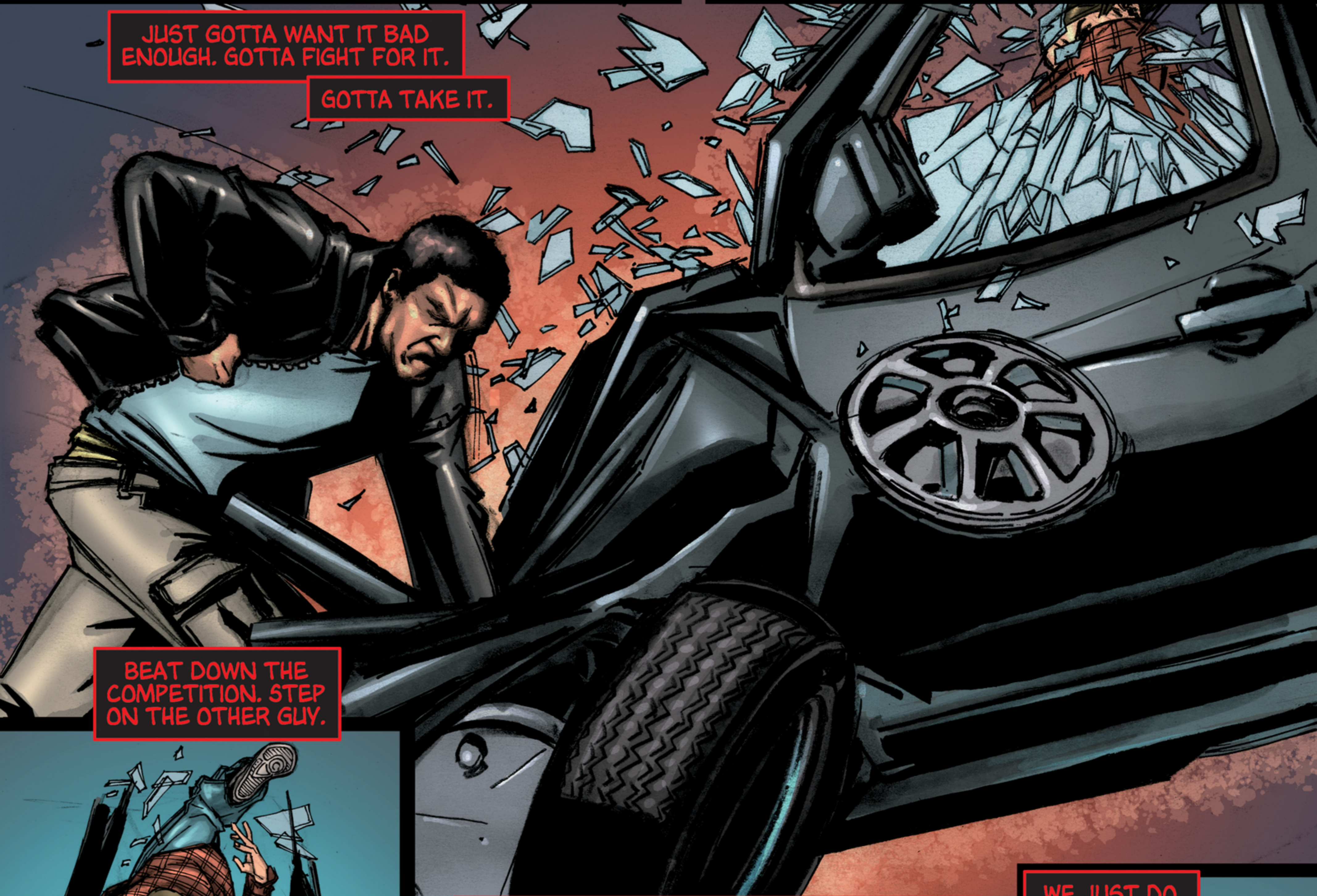


I AIM FOR SUCCESS. TO BE THE BEST. ON TOP.

YOU'RE ALL ANGRY! I CAN SEE THAT.

BUT YOU'RE SCARED TOO.

UROOM



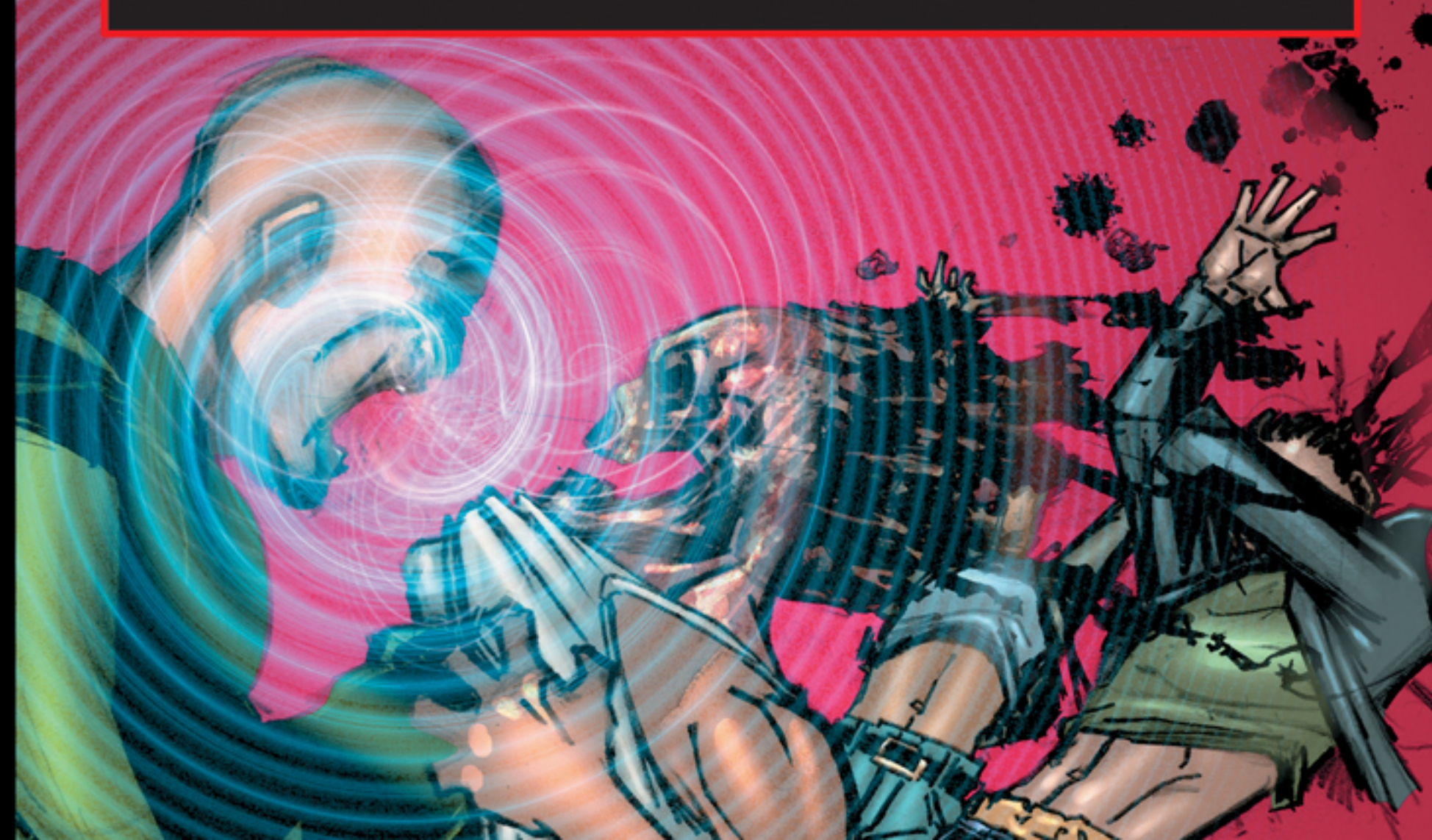
JUST GOTTA WANT IT BAD ENOUGH. GOTTA FIGHT FOR IT.

GOTTA TAKE IT.

BEAT DOWN THE COMPETITION. STEP ON THE OTHER GUY.



SOME PEOPLE MIGHT WANT A CORNER OFFICE. I WANT TO RULE A NEIGHBORHOOD.



WE JUST DO WHATEVER IT TAKES. AND IT'S ALL OURS.





YOU WANT THE WIFE
AND KIDS? THE
HOUSE AND CAR?



I'LL TAKE ALL
THAT TOO.

HELL, WHY
NOT?

SEE... YOU AND I, WE
AIN'T THAT DIFFERENT.

BUT PEOPLE LIKE US
GOTTA BE CAREFUL.

CAUSE WHEN OPPORTUNITY
WALKS IN AND YOU TRY TO
TAKE IT... IT MIGHT TAKE YOU.



NOW THE
MESSAGE IS OUT.
THE NEIGHBORHOOD
IS OURS.



NOT SO
FAST.



GOT SOMETHING
TO SAY,
STRANGER?

YOU
PEOPLE MAKE
FINDING YOU
SO EASY.

HOW'S
THAT?



WHEN YOU LIGHT FIRES...
THE FIREMAN'S GOING
TO SHOW UP.



YOU'RE IN THE
WRONG PART OF
TOWN. WE'RE LAYING
A WASTELAND
TONIGHT.

HIT HIM WITH
YOUR SCREAM,
JESSE.



I'M TRYING. NOTHING'S WORKING.

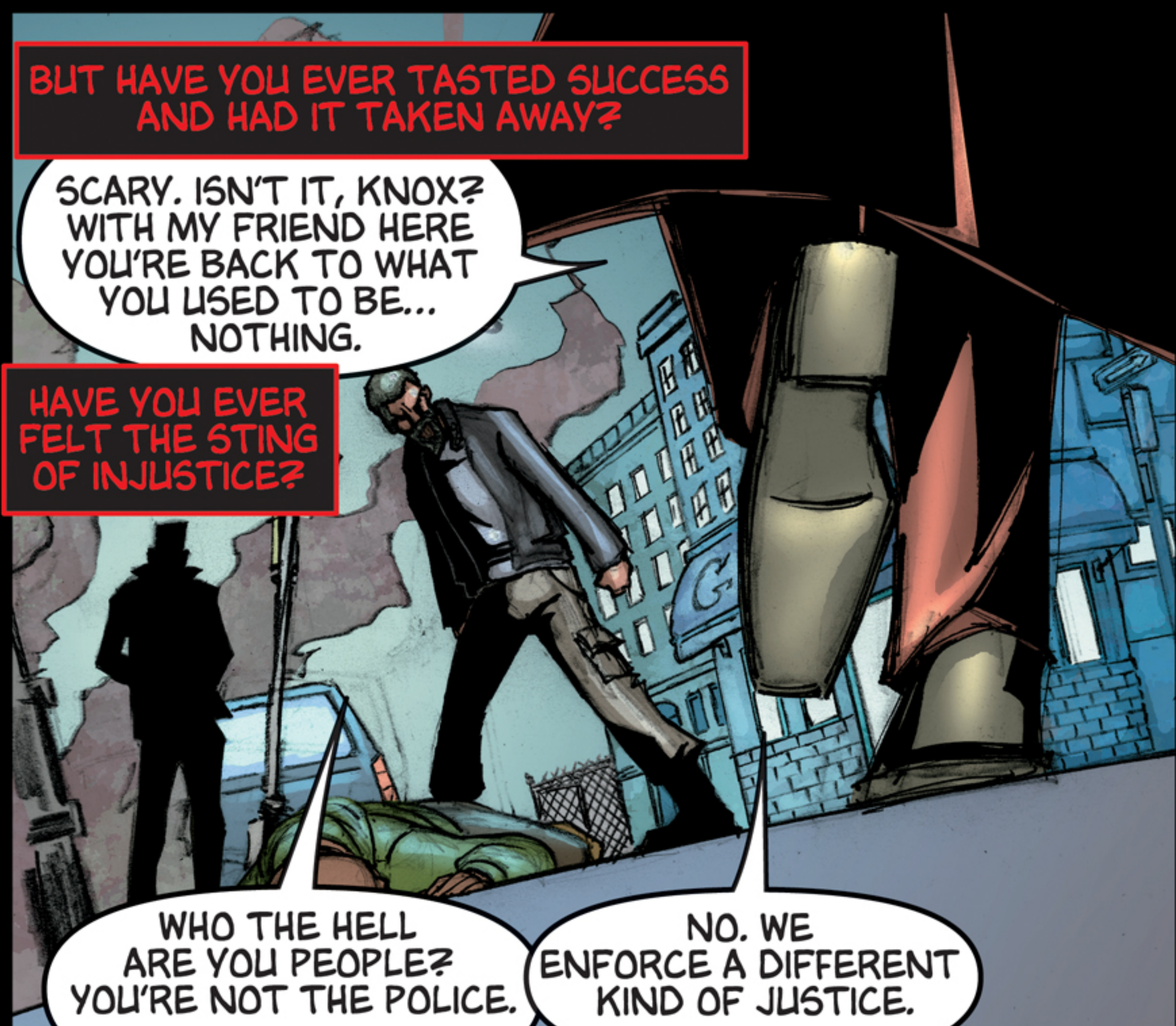
WHAT -- ?



OUT OF BULLETS? THAT'S TOO BAD...

...CAUSE I'M NOT.

MAYBE SOME OF YOU ARE READING THIS RIGHT NOW, THINKING THIS IS WHAT I DESERVE.



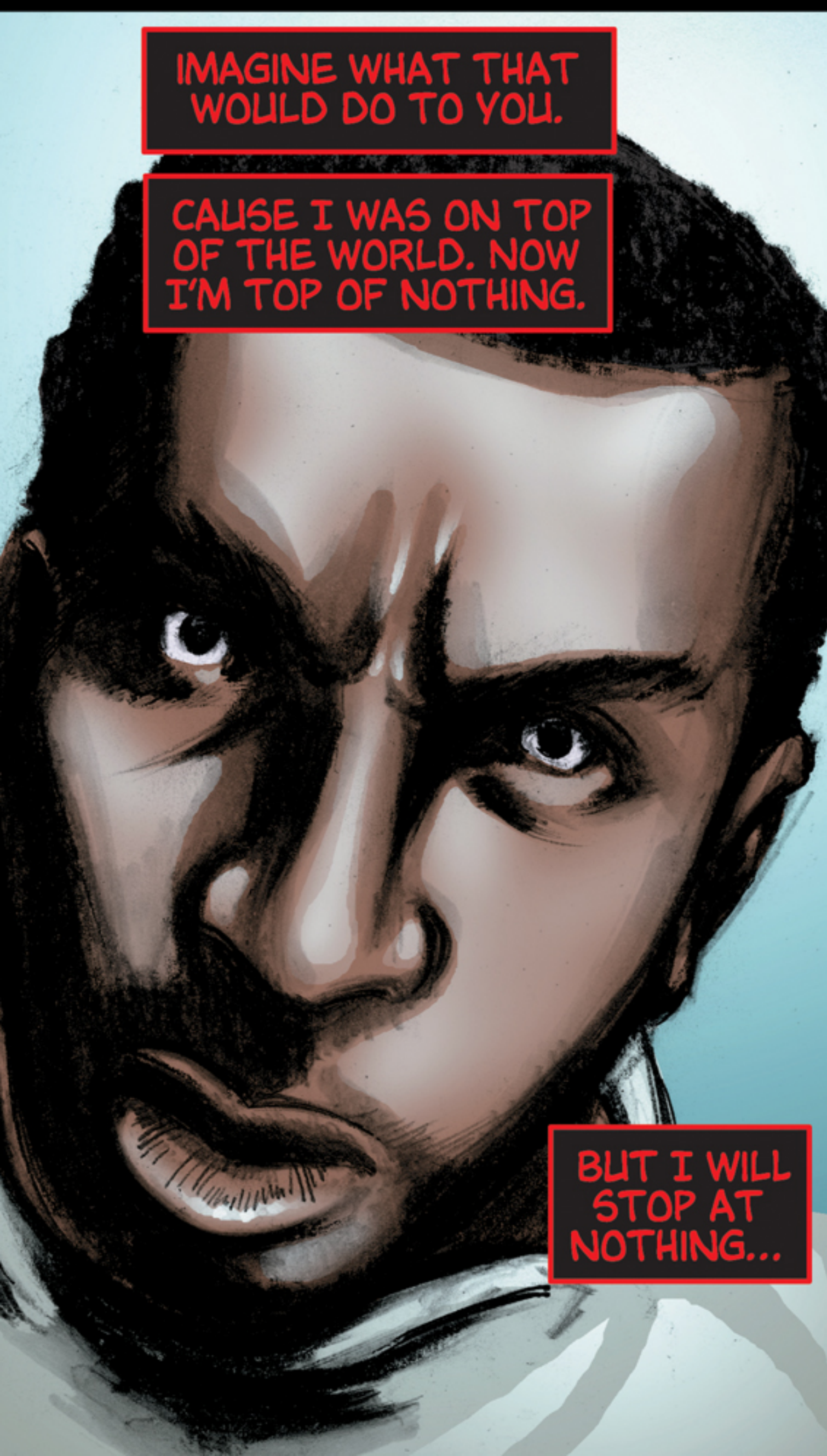
BUT HAVE YOU EVER TASTED SUCCESS AND HAD IT TAKEN AWAY?

SCARY. ISN'T IT, KNOX? WITH MY FRIEND HERE YOU'RE BACK TO WHAT YOU USED TO BE... NOTHING.

HAVE YOU EVER FELT THE STING OF INJUSTICE?

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU PEOPLE? YOU'RE NOT THE POLICE.

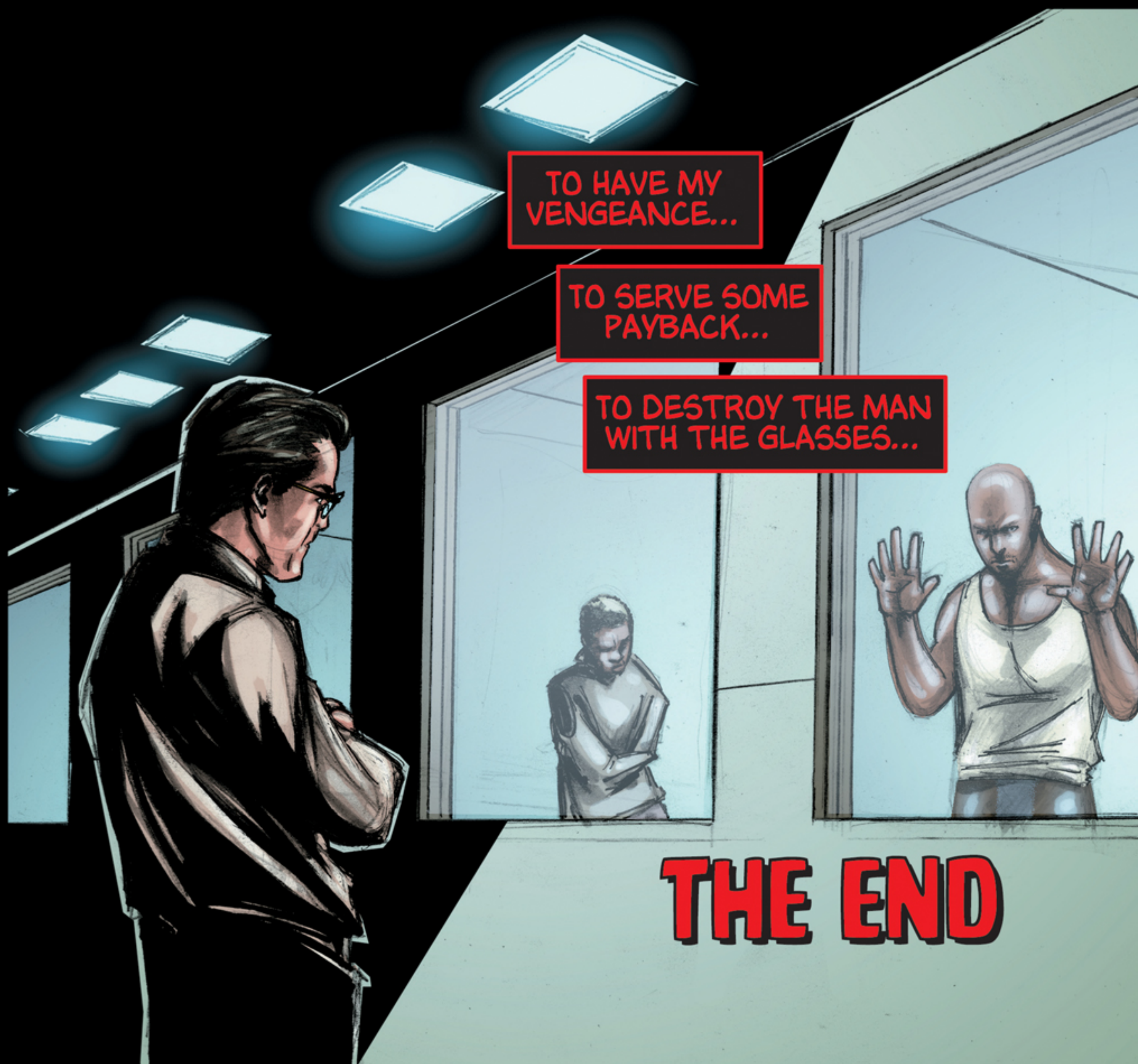
NO. WE ENFORCE A DIFFERENT KIND OF JUSTICE.



IMAGINE WHAT THAT WOULD DO TO YOU.

CAUSE I WAS ON TOP OF THE WORLD. NOW I'M TOP OF NOTHING.

BUT I WILL STOP AT NOTHING...



TO HAVE MY VENGEANCE...

TO SERVE SOME PAYBACK...

TO DESTROY THE MAN WITH THE GLASSES...

THE END